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SUBJ: PROPOSALS FOR U.S. GOVT FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS IN GN 78-79

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1. THE DANISH GOVT HAS APPROVED OUR 1978-79 SCIENTIFIC PROPOSALS SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATIONS CONTAINED IN A LETTER DATED JULY 11 FROM THE MINISTRY OF GN TO THE EMB DEFENSE ATTACHE QUOTED BELOW. THE CONTINUING STRIKE (NOW IN THE FIFTH MONTH) OF THE SEC. (JORGEN JORGENSEN) OF THE COMMISSION FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN GN HAS PREVENTED THE MINISTRY OF GN FROM PROVIDING THESE APPROVALS TO THE FORMINISTRY WHICH, NORMALLY, WOULD COMMUNICATE THEM TO US IN THE FORM OF A DIPLOMATIC NOTE. CONVERSATIONS WITH RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS IN BOTH THE MIN OF GN AND THE MIN OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HOWEVER, CONFIRM THAT THE LETTER IS MEANT TO SERVE AS OFFICIAL DANISH APPROVAL FOR THE PROJECTS. (PROJECT NUMBER 30 - THE DEF NUCLEAR AGENCY'S VLF/ELF PROPAGATION SUPPORT MEASUREMENTS, WAS LOST OR FOGGOTTEN IN THE CONFUSION AND WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.)

2. THE BACKGROUND FOR THIS CURIOUS AFFAIRS WHICH IS QUITE EMBARRASSING TO BOTH MINISTRIES, IS A DISPUTE OVER THE JOB CLASSIFICATION AND SALARY OF THE SEC OF THE COMMISSION FOR SCIENTIFIC RE-
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SEARCH IN GN WHO, SIMULTANEOUSLY, OCCUPIES A POSITION IN THE MIN FOR GN WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR MINISTERIAL CONTROL OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN GN. THE SEC WAS ORDERED TO STRIKE BY HIS TRADE UNION, THE ORGANIZATION OF JURISTS AND ECONOMISTS, IN WHICH MOST OF THE OFFICIALS IN THE MIN OF GN ALSO ARE ORGANIZED.

3. BECAUSE PERFORMANCE OF ANY OF THE FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION SEC, EITHER IN THE COMMISSION OR AS AN OFFICIAL OF THE MINISTRY OF GN,

WOULD BE VIEWED AS STRIKE BREAKING AND POSSIBLY RESULT IN A STRIKE OF THE ENTIRE MIN, OFFICIALS HAVE MADE USE OF THIS TORTUOUS BUREAUCRATIC MEANS TO PROVIDE US WITH A DANISH GOVT RESPONSE TO OUR PROJECT PRESENTATIONS. THEIR RATIONALE IS APPARENTLY THAT THE GN MIN, THROUGH THE DANISH SCIENTIFIC LIAISON OFFICER FOR GN, HAS AN INDEPENDENT RESPONSIBILITY TO THE DANISH DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT AND, CONSEQUENTLY, TO THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES.

4. INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE DANISH TEXT OF THE APPROVAL LETTER FOLLOWS:

"CONCERNING: THE AMERICAN FORCES SCIENTIFIC PROJECTS IN GN 1978-79.

"REF: U.S. NOTE #29 OF MAR 21, 1978 WITH ATTACHMENTS (29 PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS). "AS YOU KNOW THE SECRETARIAT OF THE COMMISSION FOR GN RESEARCH IS CRIPPLED BY A STRIKE AND AS A CONSEQUENCE REAL MINISTERIAL CONSIDERATION OF PROJECT PROPOSALS, WHICH WOULD BE FOLLOWED UP BY A RESPONDING NOTE TO THE EMB FROM THE DANISH FOREIGN OFFICE, CANNOT BE EXPECTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

"THEREFORE, THE MIN OF GN INFORMS YOU THAT THE MINISTRY OF JUNE 30, 1978 INFORMED THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION OF THE APPROVAL OF ALL THE AMERICAN PROJECTS PRESENTED IN THE REFERENCED NOTE. THE MINISTRY DESIRES IN THIS CONNECTION TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS: "- PROJECTS #1,2,3,4,5,18,19,20,29 ARE PROJECTS FINANCED BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AND ARE APPROVED BY THE MINISTRY OF GN; "A PROJECTS 6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,23,24,25, 26,27, AND 28 HAVE TO DO WITH AMERICAN FORCES PROJECT APPLICATIONS AND THEY ARE ALSO APPROVED WITH THE PROVISIO THAT WITH RESPECT TO THE OPERATIONAL CONDUCTS OF PROJECT 6 AGREEMENTS BE MADE WITH THE UNCLASSIFIED

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DANISH DEFENSE COMMAND; "- THAT FOR PROJECT 7, AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, THE BASE COMMANDER AT THULE BE MADE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY MEASURES WITH RESPECT TO THE RATHER PRIMITIVE ANTENNA INSTALLATIONS IN THE DEFENSE AREA AT THULE AB; "A THAT FOR PROJECT 13 THE ESTABLISHED SECURITY AREAS AND FIRING DIRECTIONS LAID DOWN BY THE MIN OF GN AND THE CIVIL AVIATION DIRECTORATE BE OBSERVED IN THE PRACTICAL EXECUTION; "A PROJECT 14 REQUIRES FURTHER CONSIDERATION IN DANISH MINISTRIES AND INSTITUTIONS BEFORE A FINAL POSITION WITH RESPECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE TECHNICAL INSTALLATIONS IN NARSSARSSUAG MAY BE TAKEN; "A FOR PROJECTS 23, 24, 25, AND 26 IT IS REQUESTED THAT OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE WITH THE DANISH DEF COMMAND INsofar AS USE OF STATION NORD IS NECESSARY.

"PROJECT 10, WHICH IS CONDUCTED BY THE U.S. COAST GUARD, IS APPROVED BY THE MINISTRY OF GN. "WITH RESPECT TO NASA PROJECTS 21 AND 22, THE DANISH SIDE LOOKS UPON THEM POSITIVELY AND APPROVES OBSERVATIONS FROM PLANES OR SATELLITES. WITH RESPECT TO THE FIRING OF ROCKETS FROM THULE AFB AS WELL AS SONDRØ STROMFJORD. THE MINISTRY WILL BE ABLE TO ADOPT A POSITION ONLY AFTER MORE DETAILED PLANS ARE SENT VIA OFFICIAL CHANNELS." END TEXT.

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